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Docket No.:10235/4

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Yoshihiro SATO et al.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/242,561  
FILING DATE : February 19, 1999  
FOR : METHOD FOR RETAINING MINUTE DROPLET, REACTING  
AND REACTION VESSEL  
GROUP ART UNIT : 1655  
EXAMINER : B. Forman

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4258 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Supplemental Amendment**

Sir:

This is a supplemental amendment to the amendment filed on May 2, 2001. This supplemental amendment contains the same amendments to the claims that were filed on May 2, 2001, but these amendments are formatted to comply with the new rules pertaining to the form of claim amendments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c). Specifically, enclosed in this supplementary amendment is the clean form of the amended claims. The amendment and reply of May 2, 2001 contains the marked up version of the amended claims. For convenience sake, a copy of those marked up claims also accompanies this supplemental amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows: